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MISSION IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING NOTE TO SYG PURSUANT TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3472A:

BEGIN TEXT: THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY
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GENERAL AND HAS THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT THE VIEWS OF THE

UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT CONTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3472A (XXX).

THE UNITED STATES REGARDS THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE CONCEPT. THE GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN ITS PREPARATION HAVE PROVIDED A USEFUL AND THOROUGH EXAMINATION NOT ONLY OF THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, BUT ALSO OF A BROAD RANGE OF SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF SUCH ZONES. MANY OF THESE ISSUES ARE HIGHLY COMPLEX AND HAD NOT

PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADDRESSED IN DETAIL. WHILE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY RESTS PARTLY ON THE FACT THAT THE EXPERTS WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE ISSUES, THEIR IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ON WHICH DIFFERENCES OF VIEW EXIST SERVES AN EQUALLY VALUABLE PURPOSE.

THE UNITED STATES SHARES THE VIEW, REFLECTED IN THE STUDY, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN REGIONS WHERE SUITABLE CONDITIONS EXIST MIGHT PROVIDE A USEFUL MECHANISM, COMPLEMENTARY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ENHANCING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE ARRANGEMENTS COULD ALSO CREATE A FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER REGIONAL MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AS WELL AS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

IN CHAPTER III OF THE STUDY, THE EXPERTS SUGGEST SEVERAL BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT, IN THEIR VIEW, SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE CONTEXT OF SPECIFIC NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE PROJECTS. THESE INCLUDE SOME PRINCIPLES THAT THE UNITED STATES REGARDS AS RELEVANT TO ANY ZONE, INCLUDING THE IDEA THAT THE INITIATIVE SHOULD COME FROM STATES IN THE REGION

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CONCERNED, THAT ALL STATES WHOSE PARTICIPATION IS DEEMED IMPORTANT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ZONE, THAT THE ZONE ARRANGEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE, AND THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE SHOULD NOT DISTURB EXISTING SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS TO THE DETRIMENT OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SHARES THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY MOST EXPERTS THAT "AN ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLE IN ANY NUCLEAR-

WEAPON-FREE ZONE TREATY IS THE EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, OR POSSESSION BY PARTIES TO IT OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE."

THE UNITED STATES ALSO IS OF THE VIEW, AS EXPRESSED BY MANY OF THE EXPERTS, THAT NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT SEEK TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXERCISE BY OTHER STATES OF RIGHTS RECOGNIZED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW-- PARTICULARLY FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION ON THE HIGH SEAS, IN INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE, AND IN STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION AND THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH TERRITORIAL SEAS--AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE EXISTING RIGHTS OF ITS PARTIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO GRANT OR DENY TRANSIT PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING PORT CALLS AND OVERFLIGHT, TO OTHER STATES.

ONE QUESTION ON WHICH PARTICULARLY DIVERGENT VIEWS WERE HELD CONCERNS APPROPRIATE UNDERTAKINGS TOWARD ZONE PARTIES BY STATES OUTSIDE THE ZONE, INCLUDING NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THAT THE PRINCIPAL AND MOST IMPORTANT UNDERTAKINGS OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE ARRANGEMENT ARE THOSE FLOWING FROM THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TOWARD OTHER PARTIES; THAT IS, THEIR MUTUAL COMMITMENT NOT TO DEVELOP, ACQUIRE, OR POSSESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. WHILE UNDERTAKINGS OF VARIOUS KINDS BY OTHER STATES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, COULD CONTRIBUTE FURTHER TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENT, THE NATURE OF SUCH UNDERTAKINGS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ZONE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, IN IDENTIFYING AND EXAMINING IN DETAIL THESE AND OTHER AS-

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PECTS OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE QUESTION, WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL POINT OF REFERENCE FOR STATES CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A ZONE IN THEIR REGION AND FOR OTHER INTERESTED STATES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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